

Monday, June 3, 2019

I just returned from a ministry trip to Alabama. I am working on a writing that summarizes The Lord's teachings from the trip. I hope to begin June postings with this summary in the next couple of days.

Monday, June 3, 2019-(Thursday, May 30, 2019 Solitude)

The Lord told me that we are often limited in our following Him by limits we set based on what seems "reasonable" to us. The reasonable aspect varies from person to person, but it is very difficult to push ourselves past this limit. To remain faithful and continue to grow spiritually, we must allow ourselves to be pushed by Him beyond what seems "reasonable," and really beyond any limits at all.

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

I am learning more and more that many of the spiritual lessons from The Lord are meant to be experienced more than they are meant to be taught. Today, he talked to me about seeking His Face. This is His desire of us, but it is difficult to understand or describe. I understand it through experience, but find it difficult to put into words or "action items." It is made more complex by the fact that we cannot even understand what is distracting us from His Face without The Spirit revealing it to us.

The Lord summarizes it as "walk with me." I best visualize it as Adam walking in the Garden with God in the cool of the evening. No other purpose. No other agenda. No plans.

The Lord gave me something to apply toward all spiritual matters. He used the parable of the talents. He told me for growth, we must use what we have. We must do what we know to do. This is how it is multiplied. This is done by the Spirit.

Thursday, June 6, 2019

The Lord talked to me about walking in oneness with Him. He said when we come into oneness with Him, and continue to walk in this oneness (through surrender, obedience, and maintaining focus on Him), there is a radical change in our guidance. Up until that point, He provides us with guidance periodically, mostly based on our request. This changes to continuous guidance as we are one with Him. It becomes virtually subconscious. He leads everything we do. When He does not want us to go a certain way, or do a certain thing, He then provides discernable guidance that unsettles us. Otherwise, we are continuing in His guidance ("He will direct your path"- Proverbs 3:5-6). He told me to combine this with at least a dozen scriptures that tell us He will not leave, nor forsake us (ref: Matt. 28:20).

Monday, June 10, 2019 (Solitude June 6)

The Lord provided me with a perspective on the relationship between a person's will and their actions. The will responds to the highest standard within a person. When a child of God is walking in The Spirit, his spirit is tuned to The Holy Spirit. The spirit within a man must grow stronger through obedience over time. As this happens, our will becomes God's will. We walk in His guidance as easily as we breathe.

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Thursday, June 13, 2019 (Notes from June 10)

I wanted to share some notes from the other day. Some of them are direct quotes from Chambers book, while others are my own thoughts that seem to have a connection to his writings. They may seem random, but I wanted to share them as one post.

Some notes from Chambers writings:

1. "We are to make The "foolish" decision where your will has made the determination to let go of everything and deliberately commit it all to Him."
2. "The more you fulfill yourself, the less you will seek God."
3. "You can't give another person what you have found, but you can cause him to have a desire for it."
4. Our testimony is not just a conversion experience. As we walk with The Spirit, we are a living testimony. As we disciple others, we are to share our journey with them-not so much so they can copy it, but so they can develop hunger and thirst for it for themselves.
5. Question: Are you satisfied?
or are you (toward The Kingdom)
complacent?
indifferent?
despondent?
Overall-do you "hunger and thirst after righteousness?"

Sunday, June 16, 2019

I was especially moved by a passage in Chambers devotion today. I want to share the passage.

It begins with 1 John 3:16: "*By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*" Yet it is contrary to our nature to do so.

If I am a friend of Jesus, I must deliberately and carefully lay down my life for Him. It is a difficult thing to do, and thank God that it is. Salvation is easy for us, because it cost God so much. But the exhibiting of salvation in my life is difficult. God saves a person, fills him with The Holy Spirit, and then says, in effect, "Now you work it out in your life, and be faithful to Me, even though the nature of everything around you is to cause you to be unfaithful." And Jesus says to us, "... I have called you friends...." Remain faithful to your Friend, and remember that His honor is at stake in your bodily life."

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Discipleship has been so strong on my mind lately. I don't think we understand how radical true discipleship is when we allow The Holy spirit to have free reign. I imagine a Church filled with disciples as demonstrated in the book of Acts.

When our devotion to Jesus Christ (which is inspired by The Holy Spirit) leads us to follow Him exclusively, He (alone) becomes our direct Teacher.

Chambers said "Discipleship is based solely on devotion to Jesus Christ, not on following after a particular belief or doctrine." Ref: Luke 14:26

Monday, June 24, 2019-(Solitude June 8)

The Lord explained to me the difficulty man experiences in embracing enduring processes. We don't gravitate to things that take a long time, let alone a lifetime. We like "to do" lists with boxes that can be checked. For this reason, we oversimplify things-spiritual things (like salvation) to make it something that can be checked off as completed.

The reality is that most spiritual things are not to be completed. They are to go deeper and deeper. We are to be continually growing with them, as we are to be continually growing in Him. God Himself is infinite, so we must look at growth as infinite.

It is also vital that we understand it to be Him that is working the process within us. More and more we place ourselves in His Hands, and as we grow, we become more and more dependent upon Him, and less and less self-reliant.

Once again, our human nature poses a threat because as we lean on His complete authority, we tend to get lazy. If He is doing everything, I then want to do nothing. This is immaturity. Rather than wanting to do nothing, as I become more dependent upon Him, I learn to desire to do only what He directs me to do (like a soldier awaiting orders).

As complex as this is to describe, in reality it is quite simple. It is the words He tells me all the time..."walk with me."

Sunday, June 30, 2019

I am behind on a couple of posts from June, I will try to catch them up this week. I want to share something The Lord shared with me today. He told me that when a man learns from man, it is very important that The Holy Spirit be ruling in his life. When man learns directly from man without the leading of The Spirit, he gains human wisdom rather than godly wisdom. Godly wisdom is taught by God. It is gained through spiritual revelation. Godly wisdom is all that matters for Kingdom purposes.